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SUBJECT: UN REQUESTS 607 AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT AMISOM

REF: USUN 13

11. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

12. (SBU) On February 5, USUN received a letter from the UN Secretariat on logistical support to the African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM). The letter, which has been transmitted by email to the Department, requests agreement in principle from the USG to conclude a 607 agreement that would allow the UN to reimburse the U.S. for assistance provided through the current USG contract with DynCorp. The UN has told us that they do not expect us to revise our contract with DynCorp to expand the range of services provided. They expect that the total value of the contract may increase, however, if additional troops deploy.

Recommendation and action request:

13. (SBU) USUN recommends that we agree to the UN's proposal and use negotiations over a 607 agreement as an opportunity to press the UN for prompt reimbursement for payments to DynCorp and for an expedited UN contracting process. USUN therefore requests Department permission to deliver a diplomatic note to the UN conveying our acceptance of its proposal.

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